

REQUEST
FOR
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BOX RCE
Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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First Named Inventor	Kazuo ISHII US 25 SEPTEMBER 2000
Group Art Unit	2853
Examiner Name	Michael S. Brooke
Matter Number	Q62336
Title	INK JET PRINTING METHOD AND PRINTING APPARATUS

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1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Please enter and consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 23, 2002
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

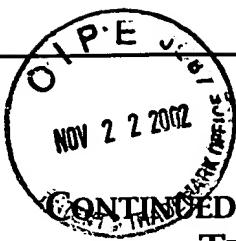
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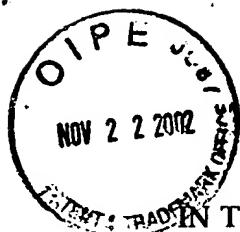
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in further response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002 and the Advisory Action dated October 2, 2002. Reconsideration and review on the merits is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks and amendments.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently. In the RCE, it is requested that the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed September 23, 2002, be entered. After entering that Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 25 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (amended) An ink jet printing method which comprises:
directly forming an image on a printing medium on the basis of signals of image data; and

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